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1. ECOSOC CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM ON AUGUST 5 WITH THE ADOPTION OF 1) A G-77 RESOLUTION ENTITLED "STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS..." AND 2) A NUMBER OF DECISIONS PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT INVOLVING THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE NOTING OF THE COMMISSION REPORTS.

2. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE G-77 RESOLUTION CONTINUED UP TO THE LAST MINUTE. THE TEXT WHICH WAS FINALLY ADOPTED BORE LITTLE RESEMBLENCE TO THE ONE ORIGINALLY TABLED. WHILE THE EC-9 AND THE US WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE AMENDMENT SOME OF THEM WERE ALSO THE RESULT OF PRESSURES BY SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE UNDP SECRETARIAT. THE POINT OF
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THE AMENDMENTS WAS TO PRESSURE FOR THE AD

HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, ESA, UNDP AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE SYSTEM. US DELEGATION WAS CONVINCED THAT THE NUMEROUS POINTS MADE IN THE CABLED INSTRUCTIONS WERE ADEQUATELY COVERED. FOLLOWING COUNCIL ADOPTION, AMBASSADOR MYERSON, LIKE THE EC-9 SPOKESMAN, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN COMMENTED ON THE RESOLUTION TO THE EFFECT THAT 1) IT REFLECTED THE DISPARATE NATURES OF THE PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS OF EACH OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, 2) IT DID NOT CHANGE THE PRESENT ROLE OF THE COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTORS AND 3) SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ENTIRE GAMUT OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY NIGERIA ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77
STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS MANY RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1709 (XVI) OF 19 DECEMBER 1961 AND 1823 (XVII) OF 18 DECEMBER 1962 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 793 (XXX) OF 3 AUGUST 1960, 1442 (XLVII) OF 31 JULY 1969, 1756 (LIV) OF 16 MAY 1973, 1896 (LVII) OF 1 AUGUST 1974 AND 1952 (LIX) OF 23 JULY 1975,

NOTING THAT SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE EXECUTING AGENCIES OF SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONDITIONS INDICATED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX),

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORTS, AND THE COMMENTS THEREON, OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE REGIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (SEE FOOTNOTE 1) AND ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (SEE FOOTNOTE 2) AND OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON REGIONAL STRUCTURES

(SEE FOOTNOTE 3),

NOTING FURTHER THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN ITS CONSIDERATION IN PARTICULAR OF STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION,

NOTING THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN ADAPTING THEIR WORK PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR, TO CONFORM TO THE DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (SEE FOOTNOTE 4),

RECOGNIZING, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION, THAT THE RESPECTIVE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, ARE THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS TO ACT AS CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION ALSO OF INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,

APPRECIATING THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (SEE FOOTNOTE 5), EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSIONS IN THIS FIELD AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND OF SUCH UNITED NATION BODIES AS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

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RAMME, AND THOSE OF ALL THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;

1. REAFFIRMS, IN CONFORMITY WITH COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1756 (LIV) OF 16 MAY 1973, THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE ENABLED FULLY TO PLAY THEIR ROLE AS THE MAIN GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS AND CALLS UPON ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE SYSTEM TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ACHIEVE THE OVER-ALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AT REGIONAL LEVEL;

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2. AFFIRMS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION, TO THE OUTCOME OF THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING AND HAVING REGARD TO GA RESOLUTION 2866 (XXV) AND ESPECIALLY CHAPTER II OF ITS ANNEX I, THAT THESE COMMISSIONS SHOULD, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPHS 469 AND 470 OF E/5727, EXERCISE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTER-SECTORAL COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE UNDP AND OTHER REGIONAL OFFICES;

3. REQUESTS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION AND TO THE OUTCOME OF THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, TO CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

(-) THE DESIGNATION OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS TEAM LEADERS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF INTER-SECTORAL PROGRAMMES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL;

(B) THE DESIGNATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2866 (XXV) AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1896 (LVII), OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE UNITED NATIONS INTER-SECTORAL SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS AND THE INCLUSION OF THE COMMISSIONS IN THE LIST OF EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROJECTS;

(C) THE DELEGATION IN FULL OF THE EXECUTIVNG AGENCY FUNCTIONS TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OF EXISTING INTER-SECTORAL REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX);

(D) THE ORGANIZATION BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, ON A REGULAR BASIS, OF MEETINGS WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CO-ORDINATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

(E) ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENSURING THAT REGIONAL VIEWS ARE DULY REFLECTED IN THE DEBATES IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISIONS IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES EFFECTIVELY, AND TO CONSIDER ARRANGING FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THESE COMMISSIONS TO BE PRESENT DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGETS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS;

5. RECOMMENDS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION, THAT THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF SUCH GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS AS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD INTENSIFY THEIR CO-OPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEM CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS;

6. REQUESTS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS CONCERNED TO WORK OUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BEARING IN MIND THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MEXICO CITY IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND THE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN ARGENTINA IN 1977;

7. REQUESTS FURTHER THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED, PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING, WHERE NECESSARY, THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVELY CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS.

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